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SUBJECT: HUD Office of Environment and Energy's Upcoming Radon Webinar Series

Dear Tribal Leader:

On Monday, July 24, HUD's Office of Environment and Energy (OEE) will host the first webinar in a multi-part series covering radon, how to test and mitigate against it, and how to address it within the HUD environmental review. HUD invites all interested Tribal members, including staff at Tribally Designated Housing Entities and Tribal Environmental Protection Agencies, to attend the webinars.

### **Background**

Exposure to radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and overall, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, responsible for approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. HUD seeks to inform its Responsible Entities and recipients about the dangers of radon and how to test for it and mitigate against it. Throughout 2022-2023, HUD evaluated and solicited public and Tribal comment and consultation to inform the proposed development of a *Departmental Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process*. The opportunity to inform risks and mitigation efforts associated with this health hazard is paramount in HUD's mission for safe housing for all.

### **Tribal Consultation**

On December 3, 2022, HUD hosted formal Tribal consultation on a proposed draft Radon policy. HUD also hosted a Tribe-focused live webinar listening session; both efforts were intended to gain as much Tribal input as possible on the potential concerns, issues, and implications of a newly proposed radon policy on Tribes. HUD considers Tribal perspectives critical to ensuring the successful implementation of a new policy in Indian Country.

### **Radon Webinar Series**

To this end, OEE, in conjunction with its technical assistance provider and the National Radon Program Services at Kansas State University, will be hosting a series of live, recorded webinars on the basics of residential radon exposure, radon testing and mitigation, and a final webinar, specific to any HUD's departmentwide radon policy when finalized. The final webinar would coincide with the publication of a final policy and that date will be shared with you once confirmed.

HUD encourages all interested persons, including those who will be conducting HUD environmental reviews, to attend the webinars. The dates, times, and links to registration for each of the webinars currently scheduled are below.

- **Webinar 1: Radon and Housing: Basics and Q&A Discussion**
  - Monday, July 24, 2023; 2:00-3:30 pm EDT
  - [Registration Link](#)

- **Webinar 2: Radon Testing and Mitigation and Q&A Discussion**
  - Monday, August 14, 2023; 2:00-3:30 pm EDT
  - [Registration Link](#)
- **Webinar 3: HUD Policy on Addressing Radon and Q&A Discussion:**
  - Date and time TBD
  - [Registration Link](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of HUD's programs in Indian Country.

Sincerely,

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